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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on July 17, 2008; April 16, 2007; and November 14, 2006; Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (1) JP 2003-070477, along with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (2) WO 03/012035 A2; and
- (3) US Patent No. 5,906,961 (ROBERTS et al.), issued May 25, 1999.

Further to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii) and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 35 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if a U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent applications cited above are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

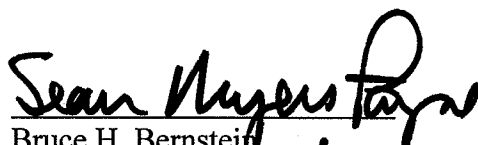
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents (1) and (2) are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p) is included herewith.

No additional fee is believed due at this time. If, however, any additional fee is necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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